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Field Crops

For the week ending August 20, virtually all cotton acreage has set bolls. Cotton bolls opening has occurred on 34 percent of the acreage, five percentage points higher than last year but five percentage points lower than the five year average. Cotton harvest is still underway in the Yuma area. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain mostly very poor to poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central and western Arizona shipped seeded and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	4	26	54	16
Cotton	0	1	47	39	13
Range and Pasture	44	26	18	10	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	34	29	29	39

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly normal for the week ending August 20. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Douglas, Flagstaff, Paloma, and Safford to 7 degrees above normal at Aguila. The highest temperature of the week was 112 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Canyon de

Chelly at 40 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 13 of the 22 reporting stations. Grand Canyon and Tucson received the most precipitation at 1.17 inches. Maricopa received the lowest precipitation at 0.03 inches. There are 4 of 22 reporting stations above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
August 14 - August 20, 2006

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	85	7	103	68	0.00	4.13	-1.99
Buckeye	90	-1	107	69	0.00	1.61	-2.55
Canyon De Chelly	73	-1	93	40	0.00	5.90	0.28
Coolidge	87	1	105	71	0.20	3.91	-0.69
Douglas	74	-3	90	63	0.34	6.63	-1.39
Flagstaff	62	-3	80	47	0.98	10.22	-3.71
Grand Canyon	64	5	83	44	1.17	7.54	-5.53
Kingman	82	2	99	61	0.00	2.81	-3.22
Marana	86	1	104	71	0.00	9.11	2.29
Maricopa	89	2	107	75	0.03	3.98	-0.33
Paloma	88	-3	106	69	0.04	2.14	-1.97
Parker	90	1	110	68	0.00	1.11	-1.51
Payson	72	-2	90	58	0.25	5.88	-7.18
Phoenix	93	3	108	83	0.00	3.96	-0.20
Prescott	72	3	88	59	1.12	5.63	-6.61
Roll	90	-2	112	67	0.00	1.14	-0.52
Safford	78	-3	92	65	0.98	6.08	0.81
St. Johns	75	4	99	57	0.42	4.14	-2.62
Tucson	83	-2	98	72	1.17	8.58	1.75
Willcox	79	3	93	68	0.65	6.95	-0.60
Winslow	75	-1	94	57	0.24	1.92	-2.63
Yuma	90	-2	109	71	0.00	0.51	-1.08

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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